



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

April 2009

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences



Sponsor: National Conference of American Indians (NCAI)

June 14-17	Mid-year National Conference of American Indians	Niagara Falls, NY	www.ncai.org
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Sponsor: National Pollution Prevention Roundtable Tribal Workgroup

May 4-7	Tribal Pollution Prevention	San Francisco, CA	David Jaber, 510-540-5728 or djaber@california.com
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Sponsor: Native America Land Conservancy

April 4	Protect Mother Earth from Off Road Vehicle Destruction	Havasu Lake, CA	Matthew Leivas, Sr., 760-858-4049
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Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Apr 14-16	All Life Depends on a Healthy Mother Earth	Window Rock, AZ	Kristina Casuse, 928-871-7692 or kristinamcasuse@yahoo.com
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Apr 28-30	Regional Tribal Operating Committee	Oakland, CA	Tina Davis, 415-972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov
Apr 27-30	Freshwater Spills Symposium	St. Louis, MO	http://www.epa.gov/emergencies/content/fss/index.htm

For questions about EPA's oil pollution prevention regulations, please contact EPA's Superfund, TRI, EPCRA, RMP & Oil Information Center Toll Free 800-424-9346 or Toll Free TDD 800-553-7672.

Sponsor: National Environmental Partnership

May 4-7	Harnessing the Power of Collaboration	San Francisco, CA	http://www.environmentalSummit.org/ 443-904-0752
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Trainings and Workshops



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

May 11-13	STORET and WQX Data Submission Training	Portland, OR	Forrest B. John, 214-665-8368 john.forrest@epa.gov
May 13-15	STORET and WQX Data Submission Training	Spokane, WA	Forrest B. John, 214-665-8368 john.forrest@epa.gov
Aug 20	Clean Water Act Tribal Workshop	San Francisco, CA	Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640 or murphy.ann@epa.gov

**Sustainable Infrastructure Workshops**

EPA and the California Rural Water Association are offering a series of free Sustainable Infrastructure workshops throughout California. The dates and locations can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waterinfrastructure/docs/Sustainable-Infrastructure-2009.pdf>. For more information, contact Charlotte Ely, 415-972-3731 or ely.charlotte@epa.gov

Sponsor: Coalition for American Indians in Computing, Humboldt State University (HSU)

Jul 11-25 deadline May 1	Computer Training in Gaming, digital media, Geographic Information System (GIS)	Arcata, CA	http://humboldt.edu/~caic , or call 707-826-3338
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This all-expenses-paid, two-week camp is recruiting in-coming 11th and 12th grade self-identified Native American students. The camp will explore computer gaming, geographic information systems, digital media, and computerized Native language preservation with HSU Computing Science Department Professors.

Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

Apr 27-May 1	The Remediation Course	Las Vegas, NV	813-964-0800 or info@princeton-groundwater.com
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Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of California

Apr 13-17	Water Treatment, Level 2	Phoenix, AZ	602-258-1825 or www.itcaonline.com
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Sponsor: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Jun 1-26	Water Resources Technician Training	Las Cruces, NM	Mo Baloch, 202-208-6042
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**Sponsor: Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the AgTerror Counter-Terrorism and Preparedness Center**

DHS is sponsoring free training sessions for all Indian tribes. They will cover the costs of the instruction, travel expenses to any tribe, and materials for the participants. In the class, each person will receive a DHS manual on the subject, a field guide, and a DHS certification as a trainer. The instructor is Steve Parker who teaches environmental technology at Penn State University and is a master trainer in avian influenza (AI) response and in AGTerror Counter-Terrorism Preparedness. DHS will only fund these free courses through June 30. Training can begin as early as May 18. Depending upon need and time, he can teach this course in 7 hours or, if necessary, in 4 hours. Both courses can be taught in 1.5 days; however he is willing to tailor the course to fit your time schedule. For more information, call Steve Parker at 570-320-2400 x-3545 and or email him at sparker@pct.edu or steveparker@chilitech.net

Sponsor: EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of the Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program has released the 2009 training catalog that includes detailed descriptions of ITEP air quality training courses, activities and services. To view the schedule, go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for awards. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

**Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for fiscal year 2009. The Program provides federal grants to units of local government, Indian tribes, states, and U.S. territories to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and for improvements in energy efficiency. The EECBG Program is administered by the Office Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of DOE. For more information, go to: http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)**

EPA Region 9 is getting about \$300k in stimulus funding for TBAs. TBAs are performed by EPA contractors, so no money actually goes to the tribe and there must be some reuse or redevelopment at the area to be assessed for TBA money to be used. TBAs generally run about \$50k on average. As part of a TBA, EPA can perform Phase I and/or Phase II Assessments. (Hint, it is better to be more inclusive of the work that is needed than less inclusive, when discussing the work during the initial consultation with EPA and the contractor.) Also, TBA money cannot be used for site-specific projects under 128(a) that could not be funded. Please go to the following Web site for more information: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/pdf/TargetedBrownfieldAssessAppl.pdf> or contact Glenn Kistner, 415-972-3004 or kistner.glenn@epa.gov

**Integrated Pest Management (IPM)**

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting initial proposals to advance partnerships that focus on pesticide risk management issues with a special focus on IPM approaches. Awards are intended to support a diverse set of project types, including, but not limited to demonstrations, transfer of innovative IPM technologies, outreach, and education. This announcement provides qualification and

application requirements to those interested in submitting initial proposals for fiscal year 2009. The total amount of funding available for award is expected to be \$1 million which is authorized by the Pesticide Registration Improvement Renewal Act and from the Science and Technology appropriation from the Office of the Science Advisor. Native American Organizations are eligible to apply for these funds. Initial proposals are due by April 15. For more information, contact Todd Peterson, 703-308-7224; peterston.todd@epa.gov.



Environmental Symposiums

EPA requests proposals for Partnerships to Promote Innovation in Environmental Practice. This initiative will support institutions interested in organizing two symposia over four years to promote sharing and transfer of innovative environmental protection approaches among States, EPA, and other primarily governmental representatives. One award is anticipated and \$750K is expected to be available. Responses are due April 22. For more information, contact Scott Fontenot at fontenot.scott@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=45673>



Environmental Justice

EPA requests proposals for the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreements (SEJCA) Program. SEJCA supports entities that work collaboratively with communities to provide meaningful and measurable improvements to the public health and/or environment. Grant funds may support efforts to mitigate environmental justice concerns in the affected community. Five awards are anticipated and \$800K expected to be available. Responses are due April 10. For more information, including state specific contacts, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html>.



Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Region 10

EPA requests proposals for IAQ Projects. Areas of interest include: Assistance on adoptions of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools program; indoor asthma triggers education and exposure reduction; Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) education and exposure reduction; and general IAQ training, education, and outreach for homes and/or commercial buildings. Projects must take place in AK, ID, OR or WA. Four awards are anticipated and \$105K is expected to be available, Responses are due April 17. For more information, contact Davis Zhen at zhen.davis@epa.gov or go to: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/airpage.nsf/Indoor+Air/IAQ+RFP/>



Indoor Air Quality (IAQ), Region 7

EPA requests proposals for IAQ. Areas of interest include assistance on the adoption of EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools program, indoor asthma triggers and exposure education. Projects must take place in IA, KS, MO or NE. Individual awards will not exceed \$60K and \$140K is available. Responses are due May 5. For more information, contact Robert Dye at dye.robert@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/region07/economics/r7_grant_opportunities.htm.



Solid Waste Management in Indian Country

EPA requests proposals for the Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project. Through this initiative, EPA seeks projects from federally-recognized tribes and intertribal consortia in the following areas: 1) Characterization/assessment of open dumps; 2) Development of integrated solid waste management plans and tribal codes and regulations; 3) Solid waste management activities/facilities; and 4) Cleanup, closure, and post-closure programs for open dumps in Indian Country. Ten awards are anticipated and \$1 million is expected to be available. Responses are due April 20. For more information, contact Tonia Hawkins at hawkins.tonya@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=45827>.



Tribal Border Water and Wastewater Projects – Regions 6 and 9

EPA requests proposals for the Tribal Border Infrastructure Program. This program funds high priority wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects in Indian Country within 62 miles of the U.S./Mexico Border. Four awards are anticipated and \$1 million is expected to be available. Responses are due April 10. For more information, contact Loretta Vanegas at vanegas.loretta@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/tribal-border-infrastructure-2009.html>



Enhancing Agroecosystems

USDA and the EPA request proposals for Enhancing Ecosystem Services from Agricultural Lands: Management, Quantification, and Developing Decision Support Tools. Agroecosystems of interest are those that are at high risk of losing existing ecosystem services due to land use conversion or change and environmental impacts. Projects must address agroecosystems subject to the specific environmental stressors (climate change; water availability; reactive nitrogen; pests, weeds and invasive species; soil and land degradation) and could include those that are at or appear to be past the 'tipping point.' Nine awards are anticipated and \$4.5 million is expected to be available. Responses are due May 26. For more information, contact Anne Sergeant at sergeant.anne@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_star_ecosystem_services.html



Tribal Education Outreach

EPA plans to award approximately \$500,000 to Federally-recognized Tribes and tribal consortia under EPA's grant program for "Tribal Educational Outreach on Lead Poisoning and Baseline Assessment of Tribal Children's Existing and Potential Exposure and Risks Associated with Lead- Request for Proposals 2009. Activities eligible for funding include lead-based paint educational outreach, lead-based paint baseline assessment, developing partnerships and travel. To view these grants, go to <http://www.epa.gov/lead/new.htm>. The deadline for the proposal is April 30. Proposals must be sent to Darlene Watford, Environmental Scientist, US EPA/OPPTS, Program Assessment and Outreach Branch (7404T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20460, 202-566-0516; Fax 202-566-0469. For Courier or FEDEX send to: 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Room 4355UU (4231 EPA West) Washington, D.C. 20460. You may also contact David Tomsovic, US EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 for more information. However, all proposals must be sent to the EPA HQ contact listed above.

Smart Growth Implementation Assistance 2009 Request for Applications (RFA)

EPA's Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation is seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals. Eligible entities are tribal, local, regional and state governments, and nonprofit organizations that have a demonstrated partnership with a governmental entity. EPA is soliciting applications for assistance with either policy analysis or public participatory processes. Selected communities or states will receive assistance in the form of a multi-day visit from a team of experts organized by EPA and other national partners to work with local leaders. EPA plans to assist three to five communities over a period of twelve months. The Agency anticipates announcing the selected communities in fall of 2009. Applications are due at 5:00 pm EST, April 23. For more information and application materials, visit http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgia_rfa.htm.

Tribal Resource Conservation Funds (TRCF) and Resource Conservation Funds (RCF)

Region 9 seeks projects that address solid waste reduction and management, and support innovative ideas with the goal of fostering positive change. Under the TRCF, the Region anticipates awarding potentially 3-5 grants or cooperative agreements. Under the RCF, the Region anticipates potentially awarding 2-4 grants or cooperative agreements. Final funding decision for both solicitations will be

made by April 20. For more information, contact Heather White, 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov.

Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. Funding will provide information, training, tools, and technical assistance to brownfields stakeholders to support brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Each assistance project will receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in annual funding for up to five years. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>. For more information, contact Counts-Arnold.jessica@epa.gov or 415-972-3288.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)



Community Garden Organization Capacity Building Grant Program, New York

USDA has announced the Request for Application (RFA) for the 2009-2010 Community Garden Organization Capacity Building Grant Program. It provides funding of up to \$5,000 to strengthen existing community gardens and support local garden coalitions through this one-time grant offering. These small, flexible grants can be used for capacity building efforts such as leadership development and organizational planning, membership recruitment activities, and strengthening a community garden's role within its neighborhood. Please refer to the RFA document <http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us/RFPS.html> for critical dates, program eligibility, eligible projects/expenses, and funding criteria. Applications must conform to the format and content specified in this RFA. This is a non-competitive grant process; therefore all funds may be expended prior to the application deadline of May 4, 2009 COB. All questions must be submitted in writing (mail, email and facsimile) to Ann P. McMahon, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets 10B Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12235 Fax: 518-457-3087 e-mail: ann.mcmahon@agmkt.state.ny.us



Water & Wastewater Revolving Loan Fund

USDA requests proposals for the Revolving Fund Grant Program to assist communities with water or wastewater systems. Through this program, organizations set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects

not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems. One award is anticipated and \$496K is expected to be available. Responses are due May 31. For more information, contact Anita O'Brien at anita.obrien@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/revolving-fund.htm>.



Farmers Market Promotion Program

This program offers funding up to \$100,000 to increase domestic consumption of agricultural commodities by expanding direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Examples of direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities include new farmers' markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer infrastructures. Application deadline is April 27. For more information go to

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/ams.fetchTemplateData.do?template=TemplateA&navID=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&leftNav=WholesaleandFarmersMarkets&page=WholesaleAndFarmersMarkets&acct=AMSPW>

Sponsor: USDA Rural Development:

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Other Available Grants



Native American Housing Block Grant (IHBG) – \$255 million nationally (formula portion)

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will competitively award \$242 million for Native American grants later this year. For information on eligible activities, award processing, expenditure requirements, and allocations to specific tribal organizations, please visit

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/native-american-formula.cfm>



Assisted Housing – Energy Efficiency and Green Retrofit

HUD announces its intent to request proposals for Assisted Housing Stability and Energy and Green Retrofit. This initiative will provide grants and loans to property owners receiving Section 202, Section 8, or Section 811 project-based assistance, to make energy and green retrofit investments on the property, to ensure the maintenance and preservation of the property, the continued operation and maintenance of energy efficiency technologies, and the timely expenditure of funds. Program details, including application procedures, will be posted on or about April 17. \$250 million is expected to be available. For more information, go to

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&opId=45922>



Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP) – \$2.25 billion nationally

Funded under HUD's HOME Program, TCAP grants will help State Housing Finance Agencies to kick-start the production of stalled affordable rental housing projects that rely on Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. These agencies will distribute the funds competitively and give priority to housing projects that can begin construction immediately. For specific state allocations, please visit

<http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm>



National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (RC1)

NIH has received new funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As part of this Act, NIH has designated at least \$200 million for a new initiative called the NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research, to fund 200 or more grants. The NIH has identified a range of Challenge Areas that would benefit from an influx of funds. This new program will support research on specific Challenge Topics under each broad Challenge Area, addressing specific scientific and health research challenges. Responses are due April 27. More information is posted online at:

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award. Also, compilation of all Challenge Topics can be accessed in a single document: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/Omnibus.pdf.



Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

The Water and Environmental Program (WEP) provides a combination of loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. For more information, go to:

<http://www.indiancountryworks.org/file/Rural%20Water%20and%20Waste%20Disposal%20Program%2002-27-09%20FINAL.pdf> or call Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681, tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov or Sandi Boughton, 202, 720-1681m sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov



Advanced Technological Education (ATE)

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for ATE. This program primarily focuses on the education at two year colleges of technicians for the high-technology fields that drive our nation's economy. The program involves partnerships between academic institutions and employers. Fields of technology supported include, but are not limited to, agricultural, environmental, manufacturing and engineering technology, and biotechnology. Up to 75 awards are anticipated and \$46 million is expected to be available. Pre-proposals are due April 23 and final proposals are due October 15. For more information, contact Eileen Lewis at ellewis@nsf.gov or go to:

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf07530.



Teens for Planet Earth

The Wildlife Conservation Society requests proposals for Teens for Planet Earth. This program recognizes teenagers around the world for service-learning projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. There will be up to \$1K per gold medal project. Responses are due April 15. For more information, go to: <http://teens4planetearth.com/serviceawards>.



Community Economic Development (CED)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requests proposals for CED projects. CED supports community development corporation efforts to assist community economic development activities designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals and families through the creation of employment and business opportunities in low-income communities. CED focuses on industries that have viable short and long term job outlooks and present no obvious long term risks. One recommended strategy for sustaining growth is creating jobs in high growth sectors which include, but are not limited to recycling, renewable or alternative energy, transportation or advanced manufacturing. Up to 47 awards are anticipated and \$29.1 million is expected to be available.

Responses are due May 28. For more information, contact Rafael Elizalde at OCSGRANTS@acf.hhs.gov or go to: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-EE-0034.html>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program

The CWSRF program will be hosting public workshops throughout the state to provide more information on low-cost funding options for water quality and wastewater projects. For questions and additional information, contact Ms. Christine White, 916-341-5795, or cwhite@waterboards.ca.gov

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

NIEHS and NIOSH are soliciting research applications designed to bring together community members and environmental and occupational health researchers to investigate the potential health risks of environmental and occupational exposures that are of concern to the community. Research will focus on environmental or occupational agents known or strongly suspected to be a significant environmental public health issue by community members but lacking basic information on exposure levels, sources of exposure, or potential health effects. An education, outreach, prevention or intervention program(s) also must be developed to translate and disseminate research findings to relevant audiences to inform them about the potential health burden(s) associated with environmental or occupational agents in their community. Applicants may request a project period of up to four years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$225,000 per year. The NIEHS intends to commit \$2 million in FY2009 to fund five to seven new grants; NIOSH intends to commit \$500,000 in FY2009 to fund one to two new grants. Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact Caroline H. Dilworth, dilworthch@niehs.nih.gov or Bernadine Kuchinski, BKuchinski@cdc.gov or go to <http://list.niehs.nih.gov/mailman/listinfo/niehs-newslist> or <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-09-001.html>

Economic Development

The U.S. Department of Commerce requests proposals for Economic Development Assistance Grants in the following program areas: Public Works, Planning, Local Technical Assistance, and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Proposals accepted through September 30. For more information, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppld=42952>.

Projects on Tribal Lands

The Tribal Energy Program supports a variety of energy-related projects on tribal lands. Through these projects, tribes have built the institutional capacity to manage their energy needs, assessed the feasibility of energy efficiency and renewable energy installations, and have demonstrated the viability of installing renewable energy systems on tribal lands. To learn more about the Tribal Energy Program, or for additional information about a particular project, contact the [DOE project officer](#) or go to: <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>.

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines, are available on the WCB's Web page. http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from CIWMB for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316.

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (CTHSGP)

CTHSGP is supported by a tribal association of 46 tribes throughout California. The proposed program is designed to promote the capacity of eligible tribes throughout California to address the three objectives of the program.

1. Measuring progress in achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines.
2. Strengthening improvised explosive device attack deterrence, prevention, detection and protection capabilities.
3. Strengthening preparedness planning.

The program implementation will be represented by the Inter-Tribal Council of California (ITCC). This network will provide the initial communications matrix for information dissemination and the eventual completion of a communication system designed specifically to maintain the intent of the CTHSGP. For more information, please contact Denise M. Banker, 916-826-6927 or denise.banker@ohs.ca.gov

California's Changing Climate

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to: http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf

California's Water: A Legislative Analysis Office Primer

California's water delivery system is facing a series of challenges due in part to a combination of increasingly variable weather conditions, legal requirements, and system operation and conveyance constraints. These challenges affect water availability, reliability, and delivery. Recent public and private efforts have sought ways to address these challenges. These measures include proposals to increase water through groundwater storage, surface storage, infrastructure changes, and system operation improvements, among others. This report provides, through a "quick reference" document relying heavily on charts to present information, a snapshot of water in California. For more information, go to: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/rsrc/water_primer/water_primer_102208.aspx

The main components of this report are:

- Overview of California's Water Governance.
- Water Supply, Source, and Delivery. Demand and Use of Water.
- How Do We Finance Water Projects?
- What Drives the Cost of Water?
- Issues for Legislative Consideration

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

This Web site provides a wealth of information on green technology, training resources, and projects in Indian Country. Additional resources include: nationwide listings of Native Chambers of Commerce, Urban Indian Centers, and Tribal Colleges as well as green Native businesses, green grants for tribes, green tribal news and links to other Native environmental organizations. See Native Workplace at www.NativeWorkplace.com. For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com

Link to Tribal Training Web site

The Tribal Training Web site contains listings of EPA sponsored training courses offered to Tribes under the Clean Water Act. The Web site contains links to important resources and tools to assist

Tribes with the development and implementation of water quality programs. The site also contains links to self-paced trainings for both CWA and non-CWA training programs.

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/>

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook

With funding provided by the Bullitt Foundation, Northwest SEED just released a new tool to help Native American tribes develop a plan to achieve energy independence. Energy Planning: A Guide for Northwest Indian Tribes contains information and resources to help select and implement projects to conserve energy, generate clean renewable energy, and construct efficient and environmentally friendly buildings, and other energy-related community or business projects. For more information or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, 206-267-2215 or leslie@nwseed.org

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule, have been published and is available online at:

<http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive Web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at: <http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to

<http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities



EPA Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP)

STEP is used to hire most summer students and requires no formal competition. Hiring managers within each advertising office will screen and select applicants for their positions. Students must be:

1. Enrolled in an accredited high school, college, university, or technical or vocational school;
2. In good academic standing with at least a GPA of "C" or its equivalent;
3. At least age 16; and
4. A United States citizen.

The direct link to the Summer Employment Opportunities Web site is <http://www.epa.gov/ohr/student/>. It will be open until May 29. If you have any questions about the summer hiring Web site, you may contact JoAnn Brant at 202-564-0375 or brant.joann@epa.gov.

**Environmental Technician – Water (ETW), San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

Under the direction of the Environmental Manager, the ETW is responsible for the environmental water quality program for the Tribe and support the water quality program needs. The ETW will maintain all transducers, loggers, field-sampling units, monitoring equipment and data bases. For more information, please contact Marylou Williams, 919-425-4800, ext. 4418 or email mwilliams@sanmanuel.com

**Department of Energy (DOE) Summer Internship Program**

DOE's Argonne National Laboratory, a major research center, has announced a unique summer internship program for American Indian and Native Alaska (AI/NA) college students. The Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT) and Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) have identified strategic opportunities for internships based on current Argonne programs and mentorship availability. Potential research arenas are focused on energy resource development, both renewable and non-renewable, and environmental evaluation and analysis of potential impacts from energy resource development activities. This program will host ten undergraduates, selected by Argonne and CERT, during the summer of 2009. Students would be in residence at the laboratory for ten weeks. For more information, go to the CERT site: <http://www.certreearth.com/CERTArgonneSummerInternship.php>

Senior Environmental Specialist

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has an opening for a senior environmental specialist in their Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Department. Go to the following Web site: http://srpmicjobs.jobing.com/job_details2.asp?JobID=1864757 or call Ondrea S. Barber, 480-362-7625; Cell: 480-452-8502; 480-62-5861 or email: Ondrea.Barber@srpmic-nsn.gov.

Environmental Database Specialist, Pyramid Lake Environmental Department, Nixon, NV

Performs highly technical and administrative duties in the planning, development and management of databases and Web site of the Environmental program. Takes the lead role in data management, data quality assurance/quality control, data entry, and statistical analysis to be used for overall watershed planning and environmental documents. Requires experience and understanding in many programming languages, including but not limited to SQL, HTML, and XML. This is a full time position with a salary range of \$32,905.60 - 34,569.60 per annum DOE (plus 6% COLA), EXEMPT. This position is opened until filled. For more information contact PLPT Human Resources office at 775-574-1000 or the Web site: <http://www.plpt.nsn.us/hr/index.html>

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to www.nndpm.navajo.org or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Tribal outreach, review and comment



National Steering Committee

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response of EPA announce a joint collaboration to provide expanded assistance to tribes and to develop research in the areas of solid waste, hazardous waste, brownfields, and emergency and remedial response. From now until July 1, 2009 ITEP will be accepting applications from individuals interested in being considered for the national steering committee. If you are interested in being considered, please contact Roberta Tohannie, ITEP Program Coordinator, at Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu. A selection committee will review all applications and select the steering committee members this summer. The first meeting will take place in November of 2009.



Achievement in Environmental Justice Awards

USEPA is accepting applications for the 2009 Achievement in Environmental Justice Awards. These awards will be given to multi-stakeholder partnerships for their achievement in addressing environmental justice issues or achieving the goals of environmental justice in a manner that results in positive impacts to a community. Multi-stakeholder partnerships bring together diverse organizations with multiple perspectives and interests to address these issues. Such partnerships refer to arrangements in which stakeholders work together to achieve common goals. Nominations must be postmarked by May 13, 2009. Contact Lisa Hammond at 202-564-0736 or at hammond.lisa@epa.gov if you have any questions or need more information. For the application, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/ej/awards/2009-ej-awards-flyer.pdf>. To learn more about the Environmental Justice Achievement Awards Program, visit <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/awards/index.html>.



Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Public Data Released by US EPA

EPA released the 2007 data on toxic chemicals released to air, water, and land. The Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act requires that certain facilities report the amounts of toxic chemicals disposed of or otherwise released on-site to air, water, land, and underground injection, and the amounts of chemicals transferred off-site for disposal annually to EPA. In addition to the data, EPA Region 9 provides analyses for each Region 9 state, US Pacific Islands, and the border region, which ranks facilities and chemicals in those areas. The data helps increase access to information for tribes and the public on chemicals released in their communities. The Region 9 TRI data and press releases are at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/> and the national web site is at <http://www.epa.gov/tri> or contact: Mariela Lopez, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3771 or lopez.mariela@epa.gov.

Tribal Pesticide Issues

Do you have questions about pesticides that are being used on your reservation for agriculture or to control pests in and around homes? Are pesticides being sold in your community? Do you think that water or other resources are being impacted by pesticide use? Are there other pesticide issues on your reservation that concern you? If you have these or other questions about pesticides, contact Pam Cooper, Manager, Region 9 Pesticides Office at 415-947-4217 or e-mail cooper.pam@epa.gov.

Free Harvard Education for Students from Low-Income Families

Harvard University announced that undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough". If you know of a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid Web site at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>

The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)

SNAMP is an effort to gather independent scientific data on the effects of forest thinning for fire protection as done by the US Forest Service. There are two study sites; a southern one near Oakhurst off Hwy 41, and a northern one near Tahoe. The study focuses specifically on the ongoing conflicts over forest fuels management in the Sierra Nevada National Forests and the controversial Record of Decision 2004 (ROD) that establishes the current legal boundaries for management prescriptions in the Sierra Nevada's. Scientists from the University of California will take baseline measurements before thinning treatments and after to quantify any adverse effects. The data will be used to advise and hopefully improve the process in the future. There will be annual meetings and regular Integration Team meetings and the public will be encouraged to attend. A mailing list and a Web site at <http://snamp.cnr.berkeley.edu> will have all of SNAMP's activities. For more information, contact Anne Lombardo at 209-966-2417 or email amlombardo@ucdavis.edu.

Green Job/Green Economy Movement

Native Workplace, Navajo Green Economy Coalition and Honor the Earth are joining forces to invite tribal members around the nation to start a green information group in their own communities. The purpose of this alliance is to ensure that green career education will reach everyone in Indian country and that all tribal members feel included and their voices are represented. The National Native Green Alliance will be an informal network, designed to support emerging groups and promote green business development by sharing information and connections. Events will be promoted throughout the network. Contact information is as follows:

C. Allen: Native Workplace, www.NativeWorkplace.com, info@nativeworkplace.com, 512-462-9056

Anna Marie Rondon: Navajo Green Economy Coalition, annarondon@msn.com, 505-726-9392

Nellis Kennedy: Honor the Earth nellis@honorearth.org 218-375-3200

Publication from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation recently issued a new publication, entitled *Consultation with Indian Tribes in the Section 106 Process: A Handbook*. This handbook is a guide to the federal responsibility for tribal consultation in the National Historic Preservation Act - Section 106 review process; it can be accessed at <http://www.achp.gov/regs-tribes2008.pdf>. Feel free share this handbook. For more information contact Jaime Loichinger, 202-564-0276.

Nominees Sought for Environmental Youth Awards

Since 1971, EPA has sponsored the President's Environmental Youth Awards. The program recognizes young people across America for projects that demonstrate their commitment to the environment. Young people in all 50 states and the U.S. territories are invited to participate in this program.

<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=16&newsID=85841>

Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning and Using Lead Safe Work Practices

Although lead-based paint was banned by the Federal Government 30 years ago, homes and child-occupied facilities built before then may contain lead-based paint and potential lead hazards. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and lead chips by disturbing lead-based paint, harming both children and adults. Beginning in April 2010, commercial contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. EPA has a new brochure with lead hazard information for families, child care providers and schools. *Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers, and Schools* (PDF) (20 pp, 3.3MB). Additionally, EPA recently issued program authorization guidance detailing how Tribes can apply for program implementation of the new regulatory requirement. This guidance document has been developed to assist Federally-recognized Indian Tribes seeking authorization of Lead-Based Paint Renovation Programs pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 745, Subpart E and Section 404 of the Federal Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For information, contact Dave Tomsovic, US EPA Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs



EPA's Clean Water Act Tribal Training Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>)

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP-OnlineTribalUserGuide.pdf>

http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

www.energysavers.gov

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>

<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>

<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>

<http://www.doi.gov/bia>

<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>

<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>

<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>